

THE
PAT BYRNE
MEMORIAL MATCH

**BYRNES NORTHWOOD
LEGENDS**
versus
**PAT'S NORTHWOOD
HEROES**

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Kick-Off 3.00pm



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Shamira and Pat's family send you all their heartfelt thanks for all of your support and messages of condolence.
A celebration of Pat's life will be held at Northwood Football Club as soon as is possible.



A Celebration of the life of
Patrick Joseph Byrne



26th November 1939 - 25th April 2020
Breakspears Crematorium 15th May 2020

INTRODUCTION

By Alan Evans

Good afternoon and welcome to everyone who has gathered here at the Fenton Civil Engineering Stadium to pay tribute to and share memories of the real Mr Northwood, our former Life President Pat Byrne.

It is a ringing endorsement of the popularity and affection that people had for the ever-jovial and affable Pat that over forty of Northwood FC's most revered players over the last fifty years will be having a run out in this afternoon's fun football match and many others are planning to come down and show their support.

When Pat passed away during the first Covid lockdown, in April 2020, there was of course only limited numbers of close family allowed to attend his funeral but there was a large crowd of suitably-distanced people here in the park and the Stadium here to see him on his way.

And it has taken until now for the restrictions to have been lifted sufficiently for us to plan today's get-together, something that we were asked to do by many of his former friends and colleagues at the time for a Celebration of the great man's life.

Pat was associated with Northwood Football Club for 65 years. Firstly, as a player, making his debut in 1955 and where he was in squads along with his brothers John, Paul, Ray and Dave. Then as the Club's first-ever Manager from 1971 through to 1973; winning 57% of the 60 League matches he was in charge for. Pat was always a generous benefactor and willing volunteer during times as the Woods made their progress through the Pyramid structure in the 1980s, 1990s and into the new Century and was ultimately made the Club's Life President by current Chairman Ian Barry. His loss was deeply felt by all of us here at the Football Club but his memory lives with us through the Stadium, the Byrne stand and hopefully through a further memorial that we plan to build shortly.

It is of course, not only here at the Football Club that Pat Byrne was revered for his work ethic, his wit and his benevolence. Pat, along with brothers Paul and Ray were also founder members of Northwood Town Cricket Club (them upstairs) in 1973 having previously been part of Central Cricket Club who merged with Northwood Hills. Pat and his brothers are pictured here on one of the cricket tours organised by Central Northwood Cricket Club. Between 1973 and 1980 Pat accumulated nearly 4,700 runs for club – principally as an opening batsman. In the days of regular Saturday and Sunday cricket Pat in the 1975 and 1976 seasons played in 48 and 46 games respectively which indicated his commitment to the club especially as he had been appointed Club Captain in 1975.

Whilst his brothers Paul and John continued playing after 1980 when Pat decided to hang up his boots, he continued to visit the Rec to watch the cricket

played and attend social events at the club. He was also a regular attendee at Stanmore Cricket Club where his brother Paul still scores for the club.

Golf was another passion that Pat had and of course it was the local course of Northwood Golf Course that he belonged to and represented many times. One of his greatest achievements was quite recently when a tournament win earned him a Caribbean cruise for him and his partner Shamira!

He also played snooker and of course, most of the town would take their car to Pat's repair workshop to get their dents repaired. And, being the generous soul he was, the bills would include a discount and you might even be lent his trusty BMW car to get you around while it was with them!

From my own point of view, Pat was a constant figure during my own journey here at Northwood Football Club which now stretches to 35 years. Always helpful, always willing to give help and finance wherever and whenever it was needed, Pat was the kind of reliable person every organisation dreams of having around. My wife Helen and I spent several weekends with Pat and Shamira down in Torquay to represent the club at the Southern League end of season awards weekends in Torquay and they were always a real joy, so fondly remembered.

So, wherever you cross paths with Pat over the years, it is great to welcome you to Northwood FC this afternoon and we'd love to hear your thoughts and memories in the clubhouse after the game this evening.

Alan

Our thanks to Gerry Pimm for kindly sponsoring this programme to allow us to make it free to distribute this afternoon.



THE MEMORIAL MATCH

So, this afternoon, we have two squads of ex-Northwood players competing against each other and they are looked after for the day by two of the club's most successful managers.

Our Legends side, which includes 21 of the 47 names that appears on the back of the club's new first-team shirts this season, a kit also named in memory of Pat Byrne, will be managed today by Tony Choules.

The most successful manager in our history, Tony took charge of the Woods in November 1997 following the departure of Steve Emmanuel to the bright lights of Chesham United and stayed until May 2004. During those seven years and seven months, his side won promotion from Division Two to Division One in the Isthmian League and then won the Division One North championship in 2003. The League's Associate Members Trophy was won in 2000, The Isthmian League Cup in 2002 and the Isthmian Charity Shield (against the Premier Division Champions Gravesend & Northfleet) was added in 2002 as well. He left in 2004 after our first, moderately successful, season at Step 3 when we finished 21st out of 24 clubs.

Easily our longest serving manager Tony presided over 289 League matches and over 100 Cup games, winning 48% of those League matches. He was also a loyal manager at Uxbridge in more recent times and left his job at Egham Town back in July this year.



Dave Anderson, who will take charge of the Heroes squad this afternoon, replaced Colin Payne in December 2008 and was current Chairman Ian Barry's first management appointment (there have been a few since). He took the side to a last day play-off chance in that first season but despite a win at Ilford, it was Concord Rangers who filled the final spot. His side was going pretty well the following season before a financial cutback led to him leaving and assistant Mark Barnham taking over. Altogether Dave won 53% of the 49 League matches he took control of which is only bettered in our Isthmian League days by that of Steve Emmanuel (54% of 65 matches). Dave is also known for his spells with Harrow Borough and AFC Wimbledon but achieved great things at Chertsey Town in recent years, taking them to their brilliant FA Vase success in 2018. He is currently working at Barnet FC as Goalkeeping Coach.

We thank both of these great guys for offering their services this afternoon and may the best man's tactics win!

PAT'S HEROES

GOALKEEPERS:

TIM PIPER

Brother of the club's erstwhile match reporter Robin, Tim has been between the sticks for many local sides over the years including Rayners Lane and Chipperfield Corinthians.

SUE GILDER

Long-time Northwood supporter Sue is a former Watford Ladies goalkeeper and has bought her own shirt ready for the game in memory of Pat.

BEN MILES

Ben is a former Northwood Youth goalkeeper who progressed through to first-team action in 2002/03 and later joined Swansea City. He had another spell at Northwood a few years later and also played for Slough Town.

DEFENDERS:

ALEX NOLAN

Son of Woods legend Dave, Alex progressed through youth and reserve sides here at the club and then made 70 appearances for the first-team over three years from 2014. Currently playing with Southall FC.

TROY MCAULIFFE

Troy arrived from Uxbridge in February 1993 from Uxbridge as an experienced campaigner. He played mainly at full-back and skippered the side the following season, making over 80 appearances.

STEVE TOBIN

Steve played for the Woods for three seasons having joined from Hemel Hempstead in October 1996 and was part of the side that won promotion from Division Two in 1997 and in the famous Vase win at Durham City. He made 110 appearances but never managed a goal.

FERGUS MOORE

Fergus is a legendary defender who enjoyed an incredibly long career (is it over?) as a defender with many local clubs including Wealdstone and Yeading before joining the Woods' Premier Division side in September 2004. He played a hugely important role at the back as we battled for survival in both of our Southern League seasons, totalling 78 games and scoring 4 goals. Currently manager at Leverstock Green FC.

STEVE BROWN

Steve joined the Woods in the summer of 2013 from Oxhey Jets and made an immediate impression as he took a clean sweep of the Player of the Year award in his first season. He made 90 appearances and scored 7 goals which culminated with the Middlesex Senior Cup success in 2016. Following this he moved to Potters Bar Town and now plays for Chesham United at Step 3.

JAMES SHIPPERLEY

Very tall and strong defender James joined the Woods from Wealdstone in October 2005 and played just over 50 appearances over two seasons, scoring 4 goals and also kindly rebuilding our turnstiles following vandalism (since demolished and replaced!).

ANDY LOMAS

A former Oxhey Jets defender who joined the Woods in August 2014 following a season with Walton & Hersham, he swept the board at the end of his second season with all three Player of the Year awards. Part of the Middlesex Senior Cup winning side, he moved on to Potters Bar and has continued to be successful, scoring the equalising goal in the FA Cup against Barnet last season.

MIDFIELDERS:

TERRY BENNING

Cultured midfield player who played at Brentford Youth before joining the Woods in 1981/82. He only made a handful of appearances, going on to play for St Albans, Hayes, Harrow Borough etc. but then he returned to the club in 1996 as assistant player-manager to Steve Emmanuel. It was a successful time which resulted in promotion from Division Three in 1997 and by then he had clocked up 45 appearances and scored 2 goals.

RICHARD MOUNT

Very much a utility player during three full seasons with the Woods, Richard was a crowd favourite who clocked up over 100 appearances and netted just one goal – in a 3-3 draw at Hanwell Town in November 1986! He went on to have coaching roles at Ruislip Derek started off his playing days at Northwood

DEREK PAYNE

Derek broke into the Northwood first-team at just 17, making his debut in a 2-0 win over Brimsdown Rovers in August 1984. He was then almost ever-present until moving to Hayes fourteen months later, making almost 50 appearances and scoring 8 goals. From there he went on to enjoy a professional career with Barnet, Southend United, Watford and Peterborough United, totalling over 250 League and Cup appearances and scoring 12 goals.

RICHARD MCDONAGH

Experienced midfielder who joined the Woods in 2005 from Hendon having also played for the likes of Ruislip Manor, Boreham Wood, Berkhamsted, Chertsey Town and Hemel Hempstead but only managed a dozen appearances. However, he did have a significant role in the Woods Isthmian Veterans Cup success in 2013; scoring from a free-kick in the final against the Metropolitan Police.

ROB URSELL

Attacking midfielder who first joined the Woods in 2008 having been a prolific scorer for AFC Wimbledon in their rise up the non-League pyramid. He also returned to the club after a spell playing futsal professionally in Cyprus and his prestigious skills earned him many England caps in that form of the game. Made 45 appearances and scored 9 goals but then returned to the club for his first management role in 2019. Left in the summer of 2021 to become a coach with Potters Bar Town.

RICHARD ELDERFIELD

Richard is a legend in many people's eyes as he has been a fixture at Northwood for many, many years involved at all levels from an early years Academy through to the Under-18s, reserves and now, for the last decade as a first-team coach.

GRAEME EDMONDS

Long-term Woods supporter Graeme played for many of the Northwood teams in the 1970s and will relish the opportunity to get his little legs going up against some of the first-team players of the past.

ATTACKERS:

DAVID LAWRENCE

Experienced wide player who made his name at Hillingdon Borough as part of the side that reached the FA Vase final in 2006. He joined the Woods from Walton & Hersham in July 2013 and he made 75 appearances, scoring 14 goals. Returned to the club as assistant manager of the Under-18s in recent years.

PAUL HALBERT

Paul was an instant hit with the Northwood crowd after joining from Hemel Hempstead in March 1996 due to his goalscoring prowess. By the end of the following season, the Woods had won promotion from Division Three of the Isthmian League and he had scored 42 goals in 49 appearances. He continued in much the same vein until returning to Hemel Hempstead in 1998 having totalled 59 goals in 87 matches.

ALISTAIR PATRICK-HESELTON

Alistair had three separate spells with the Woods, making over 50 appearances and scoring almost 20 goals until joining Wingate & Finchley in 2006. He was then involved in a horrific car crash which claimed the life of his good friend Simon Patterson and left Alistair with a fractured skull. He couldn't play regular football again but he re-emerged as a member of the Team GB Paralympic football squad in 2012 and was then

inducted to the National Football Museum Hall of Fame in 2017. He gives inspirational and motivational talks to children all over the Country. Alistair scored a Woods hat-trick at Step 3 level, though it was in a 3-4 home defeat against St Albans City.

KYLE MATTHEWS

Former Watford youth, Kyle first joined the Woods in 2006 and the diminutive striker had a non-League career that was sadly blighted by injuries. In three separate spells he made 72 appearances for Northwood and scored 8 goals.

VIC SCHWARTZ

Vic first played for the Woods in 1985 but left to have a very successful period at Yeading which included an FA Vase success. He then returned to Northwood as we commenced our Isthmian League story in 1992 and he was top scorer in our very first season at that level. Renown for his heading ability, Vic played 84 games for the club and scored 43 goals.

OLIVER HAWKINS

Ollie moved to Northwood from Hillingdon Borough in March 2011 and made an immediate impression. He was top scorer in both of the next two seasons, picked up a Supporters Player of the Year award and a Manager's Player of the Year award before further developing his game at Hemel Hempstead. He then got a move into the professional game with Dagenham & Redbridge, Portsmouth, Ipswich Town and now Mansfield Town. He is hoping to be with us to play in memory of Pat this afternoon if commitments allow.

LIAM O'KEEFE

Liam made his way up through the Woods youth ranks all the way from Under-8s to finally make his first-team debut back in December 2006 in a Southern League match at Corby Town. His brother Sean also made one Northwood appearance and Liam currently plays his football with Broadfields United.

GARRY SENIOR

Garry followed in the footsteps of his father Steve when he joined the Woods from North Greenford United in March 2009. He had three separate spells at the club, the best being in 2011/12 when he netted 11 goals in 35 matches and overall, he bagged 17 in 64 matches.

STEVE SENIOR

Steve was one of Pat Byrne's earliest captures for the Woods, returning to our Middlesex League side in 1971 having earlier played for us in Harrow & Wembley football. It proved successful with 20 goals in 31 games that season. He also played regularly for our veterans' side in the 1980s.

We are also delighted to welcome a few members of Pat's extended family onto the pitch this afternoon, having a run-out in his memory. Gavin Byrne, Andy Byrne, 13-year-old Edan Byrne and Jonnie Payne will all be representing the Byrne family for the Heroes side.

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BENNING TERRY



STEVE BROWN



PAUL HALBERT



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ALISTAIR PATRICK-HESELTON



DAVE LAWRENCE



KYLE MATTHEWS



TROY MCAULIFFE



FERGUS MOORE



DEREK PAYNE



VIC SCHWARTZ



GARRY SENIOR



JAMES SHIPPERLEY



ROB URSELL

NEW KIT

THE PAT BYRNE MEMORIAL LEGENDS ECOKIT BY HOPE & GLORY

Northwood Football Club is delighted to launch the Club's new first-team kit for the 2021/2022 season in honour of former Club President Pat Byrne who sadly passed away in April last year.

Pat Byrne was a true legend at Northwood FC having been with the club for 65 years in a variety of roles which included as a player, manager, benefactor, supporter and latterly Life President. He is sorely missed by everyone at the club but will certainly be remembered with this bespoke kit which has been designed with Pat at the forefront of our minds but also pays tribute to many of his favourite players and managers that he witnessed over the years.

A total of 46 other Northwood "Legends" have their names woven into this unique kit which the club hope will strike a chord with all those that have played or managed the club during Pat's long dedication to the Woods.

We are again indebted to Adam Fecher and his family as Northwood Hygiene Products have agreed to continue to sponsor the Woods for the new season under their Rhino Kitchen Towel brand. It will be the third season of this sponsorship and considering the last two seasons have been very much restricted, the Companies support could not be taken for granted. It is very much appreciated. Northwood Hygiene Products have a very proud environmental heritage, and their Rhino kitchen towel brand supports Care for Wild, the largest orphan Rhino sanctuary in the world. Based in South Africa the sanctuary works closely with the local community to support their mission, which is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-release orphaned rhinos and prevent them falling victim to poachers, predators or starvation.

Furthermore, our new kit, supplied by Hope & Glory Sportswear, will be made of rPET - that is Recycled Polyethylene Terephthalate - plastic bottles to you and us - which are melted down to produce a fine yarn. Each kit has been produced using approximately 16 plastic bottles and production uses considerably less Carbon, Water and Energy than usual polyester manufacture methods.

Club Chairman, Ian Barry, also paid tribute to Pat Byrne and the significance of the new kit for the coming season; "Pat, as everyone knows, was instrumental in making this club what it is today, especially during many tough times when his unconditional support helped us overcome many difficult hurdles. We will never forget him and coupled with many legends' names on the shirts, makes this a fantastic kit for us all to pay tribute to everything he stood for."

The kit is available for online and personalised purchases for everyone while we do have some unnumbered stock available here at the club in most sizes.



PAT BYRNE // CHRIS GELL // DAVE NOBLE
DAVE SARGENT // NORMAN HESLOP
TONY CHOULES // ROBIN TIDD // GAVIN HART // KEVIN DOBSON // MARTIN JOHN CHRISTIAN // MARK BURGE
ROGER LIVINGSTONE // DANNY BUTLER
STEVE HALE // DANNY YEOMAN // PAUL CURRAN // JOAKIM EHUI // GAVIN JOHN BYRNE // LEE

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JLAN // IAN HARVEY // STEVE REVELL // JOHN TOOGOOD
// PETER LAMHIN // BARRY GOULD // LAWRENCE WAKU
ARY WILLIAMS // ALAN MERISON // SCOTT FITZGERALD
ELLIS // WAYNE CARTER // BRAD HEWITT // JAMES BURGESS
SS // PAUL BYRNE // GARY COOPER // REN LAVENDER
S // LAWRENCE HOLMES // STEVE PEARCE // MITCH SWAIN
WATKINS // GREG PHILLIPS // TIM VINCENT // PAUL RIORDAN
ARFIELD BLACKMAN // PETER DAVIES // ROB BULLIVANT
CARROLL // RENE STREET // PAT COBURN

By the name of the club, we do hereby certify that the names of the players who have taken part in the match are as follows: IAN HARVEY, IAN HARVEY, STEVE REVELL, JOHN TOOGOOD, PETER LAMHIN, BARRY GOULD, LAWRENCE WAKU, ARY WILLIAMS, ALAN MERISON, SCOTT FITZGERALD, ELLIS, WAYNE CARTER, BRAD HEWITT, JAMES BURGESS, SS, PAUL BYRNE, GARY COOPER, REN LAVENDER, S, LAWRENCE HOLMES, STEVE PEARCE, MITCH SWAIN, WATKINS, GREG PHILLIPS, TIM VINCENT, PAUL RIORDAN, ARFIELD BLACKMAN, PETER DAVIES, ROB BULLIVANT, CARROLL, RENE STREET, PAT COBURN.

BYRNE'S LEGENDS

GOALKEEPERS:

KEN LAVENDER

Kenny made his Woods debut back in 1988 and then went on to play close to 200 games for the club, making a huge contribution to the Club's London Spartan League & Cup double success in 1992. He played throughout our first-ever Isthmian League season before leaving the following year and in a long and distinguished non-League career he played for many other local sides.

PAUL RIORDAN

Paul was renowned for having a blinder whenever we played Hanwell Town where he was there for a long time. But it was from Ruislip Manor that we finally managed to convince him to join the Woods in 1999 and he was an integral part of our promotion to Division One that season. Overall, he topped 150 appearances for the club and won the Supporters Player of the Year award in 2000. Paul is now back at Hanwell Town as their Goalkeeping Coach.

ROB BULLIVANT

Rob joined the Woods straight from university in 2002 having represented the English Universities team and he was the Woods number one for several seasons, clocking up over 170 games between the sticks in two spells.

DEFENDERS:

MARK BURGESS

Mark had two spells as a player with the Woods as a well-respected midfielder before then being appointed player-manager in November 2012. He built an excellent side which reached the Southern League Cup semi-final and won the Middlesex Senior Cup (for only the second time) in 2016. He had taken his playing tally to almost 230 games when he left his manager role in May 2017.

KEVIN DOBSON

Kevin came up through the Woods youth teams to make his first team debut in 1993 and went on to clock up over 200 appearances anywhere on the left flank.

PETER LAMMIN

Pete was a great clubman who first joined the Woods in 1981 from CAV and in two different spells over a ten-year period, made close to 250 appearances. His last season was the best, as the club won the London Spartan League & Cup double in 1992 and with it, promotion to the Isthmian League.

DAVE NOLAN

Dave enjoyed an incredible non-League career with most of his games coming at Northwood having started out as a very young player in 1989. He had three spells at the club as well as playing for Marlow, Enfield, Chesham and Hendon, amongst others but managed to clock up 450 appearances for the Woods with his last in 2007. Most of his 25 goals came in our London Spartan League Championship season when he netted nine; four of them in a 12-1 win over Beckett United. Dave's son Alex has also appeared for the Woods.

PAUL WATKINS

Paul joined the club from Southall Town in the summer of 1999 and over five seasons played a big part in the club's two promotions and League Cup win. A real leader on the park, Paul played over 150 games before retiring in 2004 and also managed the Veterans side that won the Isthmian Veterans Cup Final in 2013.

GARY WILLIAMS

A real crowd favourite and one of the nicest men in non-League football, Gary was one of Tony Choules' first signings in 1997 from Uxbridge and he went on to make one appearance short of 300 games over six seasons at the club. He then went on to play well into the veteran stage at Harefield United until retiring in 2011.

BRAD HEWITT

Three spells at the Club for another crowd favourite in Brad Hewitt, the most recent in 2017 under Simon Lane which took his overall tally of appearances over the 200 mark since first joining as a youngster in 2006. Enjoyed a clean sweep of the Player of the Year awards in 2008 – Players, Managers and Supporters.

DAVE SARGENT

Another player who was amongst Tony Choules' first signings in 1997 and over an eight-season spell made over 350 appearances at left-back or wing-back. He also scored a massive 44 goals from that position, a lot of them thanks to his cool ability from the penalty-spot. He later played at St Albans, AFC Wimbledon and Staines Town.

MIDFIELDERS:

ROBIN TIDD

Originally joining from Harrow Borough in 1974, Robin was a mainstay in the Woods midfield for many years and he amassed almost 275 appearances for the first-team which included our successful promotion seasons in the Middlesex League and the Hellenic League. He also played for the club's Vets side for many years.

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ROB BULLIVANT



MARK BURGESS



PAUL BYRNE



JOHN CHRISTIAN



ANDY COOK



ANDY EDEY



NIGEL FRANKLIN



CHRIS GELL



STEVE HALE

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JAMES BURGESS

James originally played for the Woods as a youngster in 1999 and played in over 52 games of our promotion from Division Two before moving on. He then returned ten years later and started a third spell in 2013, eventually amassing over 220 appearances. Still playing now for Broadfields United at the age of 44.

ANDY COOK

Cookie was a vital member of the strong Woods midfield in 2001 that led to their Champions winning season in Division One of the Isthmian League having joined the club after seeing service in the Army. Scorer of 18 goals in 77 appearances, he was taken to both Maidenhead United and Hampton & Richmond Borough along with Lawrence Yaku by Alan Devonshire.

PAUL BYRNE

Younger brother of Pat, Paul first made his Woods debut in 1961 and went on to make many hundreds of appearances while also taking a role as Club Secretary during the 1970s and early 1980s while also being the club's groundsman at times. He holds the club scoring record in one game for his seven back in 1967 and is a regular spectator here at the ground.

WAYNE CARTER

Carts joined the Woods from Wealdstone in the summer of 2001 and was part of the club's title-winning Division One North side in his first season. He made over 200 appearances in two spells and also captained the side before moving to join Tony Choules at Uxbridge in 2007 and spending many years at Honeycroft. He is now joint manager at Hanwell Town alongside Chris Moore.

CHRIS GELL

A former Wycombe youngster, Chris broke into the Northwood team in 1994 and stayed there. A virtual ever-present in the Woods midfield for the next ten years, Gelly notched up close to 500 appearances for the club, scored 85 goals and became the only Northwood player to enjoy a Testimonial season! He joined AFC Wimbledon in 2004 and finished his career with the Metropolitan Police.

GAVIN HART

Gavin enjoyed four successful years with the Woods having joined in 1999 with the two promotions and the League Cup win before joining Southall Town. He returned to the club though in 2004 and ended up with over 260 appearances and 21 goals before joining Edgware Town where he would continue to enjoy plenty of success. Gavin's sons are now part of our youth set-up so we look forward to seeing them starring for the first-team in the years to come.

JOHN CHRISTIAN

In his first three seasons at the club, JC won Most Promising Player, Players' Player of the Year twice and also the Managers' Player of the Year. That's the kind of reliable midfield player he was and he notched up almost 200 appearances between his debut in November 2007 and December 2012 when he moved on to Wingate & Finchley. He also bagged 25 goals.

ATTACKERS:

GARFIELD BLACKMAN

All of Garf's Northwood career was spent in the London Spartan League, making almost 200 appearances having first broken into the side as a youngster in 1986. He netted over 20 goals in both of our last two seasons in the competition (83 goals in total), the last of which saw us win the League & Cup double and promotion to the Isthmian League. Rather than stay with the Woods, he moved to high-ranked sides Marlow and Slough Town where he enjoyed plenty of success before eventually getting a new role at a full-back at Walton & Hersham!

LAWRENCE YAKU

Yaks was a real find in 1999 when, having been discarded by Wealdstone but having enjoyed a spell at Ruislip Manor, he was invited to pre-season training at Northwood. He ended up enjoying three superb seasons at the club scoring 136 goals in just 177 appearances before being snapped up at the end of his contract by Alan Devonshire at Maidenhead United. He continued his excellent goalscoring record both for the Magpies and at Hampton & Richmond Borough.

NIGEL FRANKLIN

Nigel first appeared for the Woods in 1974 Middlesex County League days and over six seasons amassed over 100 appearances and scored 60 goals – a pretty good return – and he also played for our Veterans side for quite some time!

ANDY EDEY

Andy's extra pace proved a real catalyst to our London Spartan League side and other three seasons he netted 39 goals in just over 100 appearances. He played a huge part in the League & Cup double winning side and then also played in our first-ever Isthmian League fixture. In later years he would be seen playing sweeper at neighbours Harefield United.

STEVE HALE

Steve came to the Woods fairly late in his non-League career but made an immediate impact and then formed a lethal partnership alongside Lawrence Yaku which brought them almost 90 league and cup goals in the 2000/01 season. His success saw him recruited by Hayes in the Conference but he returned to the Woods and ended up with 93 goals in just over 175 appearances. Steve was appointed the club's manager in December 2010 but his time in the hot seat was a brief one.



STEVE NEWING

Steve's main success as a player and since as a manager, has been with Edgware Town who were big rivals to Northwood form many years. But in 1999 he made the move to join the Woods and was part of the side that secured a Division Two promotion spot. He netted six goals in 27 appearances and at times his experience was invaluable.



BACK IN 2019, PAT WAS OUR FAN IN THE STAND FEATURED SUPPORTER LINE-UP AND WE REPRODUCED THAT ARTICLE HERE. IF YOU'RE NOT



The latest in this series is **PAT BYRNE**

FAN IN THE STAND

Where do you live?

Northwood.

First Northwood game?

I first played for the Woods in 1955.

What made you become a Northwood fan?

My brothers John, Dave, Ray, Paul, sister Dorothy, mum and I played football and cricket in the Northwood Park as it was a short walk from the alleyway in Rochester Road where we lived.

What has been your favourite all-time Northwood game?

The FA Vase tie away to Durham City, which Woods won 2-0.

If you could change one thing about non-League football what would it be?

It would be good to have extra funding from the FA to support the grassroots.



AND, AMONGST OTHER THINGS HE CHOSE HIS FAVOURITE NORTHWOOD IN IT, I'M SURE IT WAS JUST BECAUSE HE WAS A BIT FORGETFUL!

Best non-League ground you have visited (apart from ours)?

Dorking Wanderers

Favourite Northwood line-up:

- 1 John Toogood
- 2 Dave Nolan
- 3 Peter Lammin
- 4 Rob Holland
- 5 Derek Payne
- 6 Elliott Buchanan
- 7 Nigel Franklin
- 8 Chris Gell
- 9 Lawrence Yaku
- 10 Vic Schwartz
- 11 Scott Fitzgerald

Subs: Chris Moore, Martin Ellis, Steve Hale

Favourite all-time Northwood player?

Lawrence Yaku

There have been a number of Woods' managers in your time; who would you say was the best (excluding yourself)?

Mark Burgess – for his honesty and hard work.

If you could change one thing with the club what would it be?

It is lovely to see the club progressed over the years and the clubhouse looks the best ever. It would be lovely to secure the football pitch with high fencing to keep the property safe from vandalism.

Where do you see the club in 5 years' time?

It would be lovely to be in the play-offs and then promoted to step 3



If you would like to see yourself in this feature, please email enquiries@northwoodfc.com for details.

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SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021
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BYRNE'S LEGENDS

COLOURS: ALL RED

ROB BULLIVANT
KEN LAVENDER
PAUL RIORDAN
MARK BURGESS
PETER LAMMIN
KEVIN DOBSON
DAVE NOLAN
PAUL WATKINS
GARY WILLIAMS
BRAD HEWITT
DAVE SARGENT
JAMES BURGESS
ANDY COOK
ROBIN TIDD
PAUL BYRNE
WAYNE CARTER
CHRIS GELL
GAVIN HART
JOHN CHRISTIAN
GARFIELD BLACKMAN
ANDY EDEY
LAWRENCE YAKU
STEVE HALE
STEVE NEWING
NIGEL FRANKLIN

PAT'S HEROES

COLOURS: ALL BLUE

TIM PIPER
SUE GILDER
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